



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois Animal Welfare Act. Changes the definition of "foster home". Changes information provided by animal shelters and animal control facilities to adopters and the requirement to provide the information before the adoption. Removes the requirement for the animal shelter and animal control facility to post in writing the information provided to the adopter. Allows an animal shelter to return an animal if animal is not claimed after 2 attempts to identify the owner. Requires an animal shelter to hold an animal in which no owner can be identified for the period specified in local ordinance prior to return. Provides that the requirement for owners to pay a shelter for the period of boarding for the dog or cat does not apply to feral cats. Amends the Animal Control Act. Makes changes in how money from the county's animal population control fund may be used. Provides that the registration fee (rather than all the registration requirements) does not apply to feral cats. Makes changes to provisions concerning documentation of rabies inoculations and the procedure for dog or other animal bites. Allows for a search and rescue dog that has bitten a person to continue to perform its duties under the supervision of its handler or owner. Amends the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act. Makes changes to provisions concerning the eligibility to participate in the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Program. Makes other changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 2, 3, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/2) (from Ch. 8, par. 302)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act unless the context
8 otherwise requires:

9 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

10 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of
11 Agriculture.

12 "Pet shop operator" means any person who sells, offers to
13 sell, exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge
14 or donation dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, or other animals
15 customarily obtained as pets in this State. However, a person
16 who sells only such animals that he has produced and raised
17 shall not be considered a pet shop operator under this Act, and
18 a veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a veterinarian or
19 veterinarians licensed under the Veterinary Medicine and
20 Surgery Practice Act of 2004 shall not be considered a pet shop
21 operator under this Act.

22 "Dog dealer" means any person who sells, offers to sell,
23 exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge or

1 donation dogs in this State. However, a person who sells only
2 dogs that he has produced and raised shall not be considered a
3 dog dealer under this Act, and a veterinary hospital or clinic
4 operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the
5 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 shall not
6 be considered a dog dealer under this Act.

7 "Secretary of Agriculture" or "Secretary" means the
8 Secretary of Agriculture of the United States Department of
9 Agriculture.

10 "Person" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership,
11 association or other legal entity, any public or private
12 institution, the State of Illinois, or any municipal
13 corporation or political subdivision of the State.

14 "Kennel operator" means any person who operates an
15 establishment, other than an animal control facility,
16 veterinary hospital, or animal shelter, where dogs or dogs and
17 cats are maintained for boarding, training or similar purposes
18 for a fee or compensation; or who sells, offers to sell,
19 exchange, or offers for adoption with or without charge dogs or
20 dogs and cats which he has produced and raised. A person who
21 owns, has possession of, or harbors 5 or less females capable
22 of reproduction shall not be considered a kennel operator.

23 "Cattery operator" means any person who operates an
24 establishment, other than an animal control facility or animal
25 shelter, where cats are maintained for boarding, training or
26 similar purposes for a fee or compensation; or who sells,

1 offers to sell, exchange, or offers for adoption with or
2 without charges cats which he has produced and raised. A person
3 who owns, has possession of, or harbors 5 or less females
4 capable of reproduction shall not be considered a cattery
5 operator.

6 "Animal control facility" means any facility operated by or
7 under contract for the State, county, or any municipal
8 corporation or political subdivision of the State for the
9 purpose of impounding or harboring seized, stray, homeless,
10 abandoned or unwanted dogs, cats, and other animals. "Animal
11 control facility" also means any veterinary hospital or clinic
12 operated by a veterinarian or veterinarians licensed under the
13 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 which
14 operates for the above mentioned purpose in addition to its
15 customary purposes.

16 "Animal shelter" means a facility operated, owned, or
17 maintained by a duly incorporated humane society, animal
18 welfare society, or other non-profit organization for the
19 purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection,
20 and humane treatment of animals. "Animal shelter" also means
21 any veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a veterinarian or
22 veterinarians licensed under the Veterinary Medicine and
23 Surgery Practice Act of 2004 which operates for the above
24 mentioned purpose in addition to its customary purposes.

25 "Foster home" means an entity that accepts the
26 responsibility for stewardship of animals that are the

1 obligation of an animal shelter, not to exceed 4 animals or 2
2 litters including the nursing animals at any given time.
3 Permits to operate as a "foster home" shall be issued through
4 the animal shelter.

5 "Guard dog service" means an entity that, for a fee,
6 furnishes or leases guard or sentry dogs for the protection of
7 life or property. A person is not a guard dog service solely
8 because he or she owns a dog and uses it to guard his or her
9 home, business, or farmland.

10 "Guard dog" means a type of dog used primarily for the
11 purpose of defending, patrolling, or protecting property or
12 life at a commercial establishment other than a farm. "Guard
13 dog" does not include stock dogs used primarily for handling
14 and controlling livestock or farm animals, nor does it include
15 personally owned pets that also provide security.

16 "Sentry dog" means a dog trained to work without
17 supervision in a fenced facility other than a farm, and to
18 deter or detain unauthorized persons found within the facility.

19 "Probationary status" means the 12-month period following
20 a series of violations of this Act during which any further
21 violation shall result in an automatic 12-month suspension of
22 licensure.

23 "Owner" means any person having a right of property in an
24 animal, who keeps or harbors an animal, who has an animal in
25 his or her care or acts as its custodian, or who knowingly
26 permits a dog to remain on any premises occupied by him or her.

1 "Owner" does not include a feral cat caretaker participating in
2 a trap, spay/neuter, return or release program.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-310, eff. 1-1-16.)

4 (225 ILCS 605/3) (from Ch. 8, par. 303)

5 Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
6 Section, no person shall engage in business as a pet shop
7 operator, dog dealer, kennel operator, cattery operator, or
8 operate a guard dog service, an animal control facility or
9 animal shelter or any combination thereof, in this State
10 without a license therefor issued by the Department. ~~Only one~~
11 ~~license shall be required for any combination of businesses at~~
12 ~~one location, except that a separate license shall be required~~
13 ~~to operate a guard dog service.~~ Guard dog services that are
14 located outside this State but provide services within this
15 State are required to obtain a license from the Department.
16 Out-of-state guard dog services are required to comply with the
17 requirements of this Act with regard to guard dogs and sentry
18 dogs transported to or used within this State.

19 (b) This Act does not apply to a private detective agency
20 or private security agency licensed under the Private
21 Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint
22 Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004 that provides guard dog or
23 canine odor detection services and does not otherwise operate a
24 kennel for hire.

25 (Source: P.A. 95-613, eff. 9-11-07.)

1 (225 ILCS 605/3.5)

2 Sec. 3.5. Information on dogs and cats available for
3 adoption by an animal shelter or animal control facility.

4 (a) An animal shelter or animal control facility must
5 provide to the adopter ~~prior to the time of adoption~~ the
6 following information, to the best of its knowledge, on any dog
7 or cat being offered for adoption:

8 (1) The breed, age, date of birth, sex, and color of
9 the dog or cat if known, or if unknown, the animal shelter
10 or animal control facility shall estimate to the best of
11 its ability.

12 (2) The details of any inoculation or medical treatment
13 that the dog or cat received while under the possession of
14 the animal shelter or animal control facility.

15 (3) The adoption fee and any additional fees or
16 charges.

17 (4) If the dog or cat was returned by an adopter, then
18 the date and reason for the return.

19 (5) The reason the dog or cat was at the animal shelter
20 or animal control facility and information about any known
21 bite to a human ~~The following written statement: "A copy of~~
22 ~~our policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns is~~
23 ~~available upon request."~~

24 (6) The fact that the dog was declared dangerous or
25 vicious under the Illinois Animal Control Act, if

1 ~~applicable The license number of the animal shelter or~~
2 ~~animal control facility issued by the Illinois Department~~
3 ~~of Agriculture.~~

4 (7) The following written statement: "A copy of our
5 policy regarding warranties, refunds, or returns is
6 available upon request."

7 (b) The information required in subsection (a) shall be
8 provided to the adopter in written form by the animal shelter
9 or animal control facility and shall have an acknowledgement of
10 disclosures form, which must be signed by the adopter and an
11 authorized representative of the animal shelter or animal
12 control facility at the time of the adoption. The
13 acknowledgement of disclosures form shall include the
14 following:

15 (1) A blank space for the dated signature and printed
16 name of the authorized representative handling the
17 adoption on behalf of the animal shelter or animal control
18 facility, which shall be immediately beneath the following
19 printed statement: "I hereby attest that all of the above
20 information is true and correct to the best of my
21 knowledge."

22 (2) A blank space for the dated signature and printed
23 name of the adopter, which shall be immediately beneath the
24 following statement: "I hereby attest that this disclosure
25 was posted on or near the cage of the dog or cat for
26 adoption and that I have read all the disclosures. I

1 further understand that I am entitled to keep a signed copy
2 of this disclosure.".

3 (c) A copy of the disclosures and the signed
4 acknowledgement of disclosures form shall be provided to the
5 adopter and the original copy shall be maintained by the animal
6 shelter or animal control facility for a period of 2 years from
7 the date of adoption. A copy of the animal shelter's or animal
8 control facility's policy regarding warranties, refunds, or
9 returns shall be provided to the adopter.

10 (d) (Blank). ~~An animal shelter or animal control facility~~
11 ~~shall post in a conspicuous place in writing on or near the~~
12 ~~edge of any dog or cat available for adoption the information~~
13 ~~required by subsection (a) of this Section 3.5.~~

14 (Source: P.A. 96-1470, eff. 1-1-11.)

15 (225 ILCS 605/3.6)

16 Sec. 3.6. Acceptance of stray dogs and cats.

17 (a) No animal shelter may accept a stray dog or cat unless
18 the animal is reported by the shelter to the animal control or
19 law enforcement of the county in which the animal is found by
20 the next business day. An animal shelter may accept animals
21 from: (1) the owner of the animal where the owner signs a
22 relinquishment form which states he or she is the owner of the
23 animal; (2) an animal shelter licensed under this Act; or (3)
24 an out-of-state animal control facility, rescue group, or
25 animal shelter that is duly licensed in their state or is a

1 not-for-profit organization.

2 (b) When stray dogs and cats are accepted by an animal
3 shelter, they must be scanned for the presence of a microchip
4 and examined for other currently-acceptable methods of
5 identification, including, but not limited to, identification
6 tags, tattoos, and rabies license tags. The examination for
7 identification shall be done within 24 hours after the intake
8 of each dog or cat. The animal shelter shall notify the owner
9 and transfer any dog with an identified owner to the animal
10 control or law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which
11 it was found or the local animal control agency for redemption.

12 (c) If no transfer can occur, the animal shelter shall make
13 every reasonable attempt to contact the owner, agent, or
14 caretaker as soon as possible. The animal shelter shall give
15 notice of not less than 7 business days to the owner, agent, or
16 caretaker prior to disposal of the animal. The notice shall be
17 mailed to the last known address of the owner, agent, or
18 caretaker. Testimony of the animal shelter, or its authorized
19 agent, who mails the notice shall be evidence of the receipt of
20 the notice by the owner, agent, or caretaker of the animal. A
21 mailed notice shall remain the primary means of owner, agent,
22 or caretaker contact; however, the animal shelter shall also
23 attempt to contact the owner, agent, or caretaker by any other
24 contact information, such as by telephone or email address,
25 provided by the microchip or other method of identification
26 found on the dog or cat. If the dog or cat has been

1 microchipped and the primary contact listed by the chip
2 manufacturer cannot be located or refuses to reclaim the dog or
3 cat, an attempt shall be made to contact any secondary contacts
4 listed by the chip manufacturer prior to adoption, transfer, or
5 euthanization. Prior to transferring any stray dog or cat to
6 another humane shelter or rescue group or euthanization, the
7 dog or cat shall be scanned again for the presence of a
8 microchip and examined for other means of identification. If a
9 second scan provides the same identifying information as the
10 initial intake scan and the owner, agent, or caretaker has not
11 been located or refuses to reclaim the dog or cat, the animal
12 shelter may proceed with adoption, transfer, return, or
13 euthanization.

14 (d) When stray dogs and cats are accepted by an animal
15 shelter and no owner can be identified, the shelter shall hold
16 the animal for the period specified in local ordinance prior to
17 adoption, transfer, return, or euthanasia. The animal shelter
18 shall allow access to the public to view the animals housed
19 there. If a dog is identified by an owner who desires to make
20 redemption of it, the dog shall be transferred to the local
21 animal control for redemption. If no transfer can occur, the
22 animal shelter shall proceed pursuant to Section 3.7. Upon
23 lapse of the hold period specified in local ordinance and no
24 owner can be identified, ownership of the animal, by operation
25 of law, transfers to the shelter that has custody of the
26 animal.

1 (e) No representative of an animal shelter may enter
2 private property and remove an animal without permission from
3 the property owner and animal owner, nor can any representative
4 of an animal shelter direct another individual to enter private
5 property and remove an animal unless that individual is an
6 approved humane investigator (approved by the Department)
7 operating pursuant to the provisions of the Humane Care for
8 Animals Act.

9 (f) Nothing in this Section limits an animal shelter and an
10 animal control facility who, through mutual agreement, wish to
11 enter into an agreement for animal control, boarding, holding,
12 or other services provided that the agreement requires parties
13 adhere to the provisions of the Animal Control Act, the Humane
14 Euthanasia in Animal Shelters Act, and the Humane Care for
15 Animals Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 99-310, eff. 1-1-16.)

17 (225 ILCS 605/3.7)

18 Sec. 3.7. Redemption of stray dogs and cats from animal
19 shelters. Any owner, agent, or caretaker wishing to make
20 redemption of a dog or cat held by a shelter under the
21 provisions of subsection (c) of Section 3.6 of this Act may do
22 so by doing the following:

23 (1) paying the shelter for the board of the dog or cat
24 for the period the shelter was in possession of the animal;
25 the daily boarding rate shall not exceed the daily boarding

1 rate of the animal control agency in the jurisdiction in
2 which the shelter is located; and

3 (2) paying the shelter for reasonable costs of
4 veterinary care, if applicable.

5 The shelter has the option to waive any fees or veterinary
6 costs.

7 The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Section do not
8 apply to feral cats, as defined in the Animal Control Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 99-310, eff. 1-1-16.)

10 Section 10. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing
11 Sections 3, 8, and 13 as follows:

12 (510 ILCS 5/3) (from Ch. 8, par. 353)

13 Sec. 3. The County Board Chairman with the consent of the
14 County Board shall appoint an Administrator. Appointments
15 shall be made as necessary to keep this position filled at all
16 times. The Administrator may appoint as many Deputy
17 Administrators and Animal Control Wardens to aid him or her as
18 authorized by the Board. The compensation for the
19 Administrator, Deputy Administrators, and Animal Control
20 Wardens shall be fixed by the Board. The Administrator may be
21 removed from office by the County Board Chairman, with the
22 consent of the County Board.

23 The Board shall provide necessary personnel, training,
24 equipment, supplies, and facilities, and shall operate pounds

1 or contract for their operation as necessary to effectuate the
2 program. The Board may enter into contracts or agreements with
3 persons to assist in the operation of the program and may
4 establish a county animal population control program.

5 The Board shall be empowered to utilize monies from their
6 General Corporate Fund to effectuate the intent of this Act.

7 The Board is authorized by ordinance to require the
8 registration and may require microchipping of dogs and cats.
9 The Board shall impose an individual dog or cat registration
10 fee with a minimum differential of \$10 for intact dogs or cats.
11 Ten dollars of the differential shall be placed either in a
12 county animal population control fund or in the State's Pet
13 Population Control Fund. If the money is placed in the county
14 animal population control fund it shall be used ~~to~~ (i) to spay,
15 neuter, or sterilize adopted dogs or cats or (ii) for any
16 allowable purpose provided for in Section 25 of the Illinois
17 Public Health and Safety Animal Population Control Act. The
18 registration fee does not apply to feral cats ~~spay or neuter~~
19 ~~dogs or cats owned by low income county residents who are~~
20 ~~eligible for the Food Stamp Program.~~ All persons selling dogs
21 or cats or keeping registries of dogs or cats shall cooperate
22 and provide information to the Administrator as required by
23 Board ordinance, including sales, number of litters, and
24 ownership of dogs and cats. If microchips are required, the
25 microchip number may serve as the county animal control
26 registration number.

1 In obtaining information required to implement this Act,
2 the Department shall have power to subpoena and bring before it
3 any person in this State and to take testimony either orally or
4 by deposition, or both, with the same fees and mileage and in
5 the same manner as prescribed by law for civil cases in courts
6 of this State.

7 The Director shall have power to administer oaths to
8 witnesses at any hearing which the Department is authorized by
9 law to conduct, and any other oaths required or authorized in
10 any Act administered by the Department.

11 ~~This Section does not apply to feral cats.~~

12 (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

13 (510 ILCS 5/8) (from Ch. 8, par. 358)

14 Sec. 8. Every owner of a dog 4 months or more of age shall
15 have each dog inoculated against rabies by a licensed
16 veterinarian. Every dog shall have a second rabies vaccination
17 within one year of the first. Terms of subsequent vaccine
18 administration and duration of immunity must be in compliance
19 with USDA licenses of vaccines used. Evidence of a ~~such~~ rabies
20 inoculation administered to any animal shall be entered on a
21 certificate the form of which shall be approved by the Board
22 and which shall contain the microchip number of the animal if
23 it has one and which shall be signed by the licensed
24 veterinarian administering the vaccine. Veterinarians who
25 inoculate a dog shall procure from the County Animal Control in

1 the county where their office is located serially numbered
2 tags, one to be issued with each inoculation certificate. Only
3 one animal ~~dog~~ shall be included on each certificate. The
4 veterinarian immunizing against rabies or microchipping an
5 animal shall provide the Administrator of the county in which
6 the animal resides with a certificate of immunization and
7 microchip number. The Board shall cause a rabies inoculation
8 tag to be issued, at a fee established by the Board for each
9 dog inoculated against rabies.

10 Rabies vaccine for use on animals shall be sold or
11 distributed only to and used only by licensed veterinarians.
12 Such rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States
13 Department of Agriculture.

14 If a licensed veterinarian determines in writing that a
15 rabies inoculation would compromise an animal's health, then
16 the animal shall be exempt from the rabies shot requirement,
17 but the owner must still be responsible for the fees.

18 (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

19 (510 ILCS 5/13) (from Ch. 8, par. 363)

20 Sec. 13. Dog or other animal bites; observation of animal.

21 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this
22 Section, when the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not
23 a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator receives information
24 that any person has been bitten by an animal, the Administrator
25 or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy

1 Administrator, or his or her authorized representative, shall
2 have such dog or other animal confined under the observation of
3 a licensed veterinarian Such confinement shall be for a period
4 of not less than 10 days from the date the bite occurred and
5 shall continue until the animal has been examined by a licensed
6 veterinarian. ~~for a period of 10 days.~~ The Department may
7 permit such confinement to be reduced to a period of less than
8 10 days. A veterinarian shall report the clinical condition of
9 the animal immediately, with confirmation in writing to the
10 Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,
11 the Deputy Administrator within 24 hours after the animal is
12 presented for examination, giving the owner's name, address,
13 the date of confinement, the species, the breed, description,
14 age, and sex of the animal, and whether the animal has been
15 spayed or neutered, on appropriate forms approved by the
16 Department. The Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a
17 veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator shall notify the
18 attending physician or responsible health agency. At the end of
19 the confinement period, the animal shall be examined by a
20 licensed veterinarian and microchipped, if not already, at the
21 expense of the owner. The veterinarian shall submit a written
22 report to the Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a
23 veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator advising him or her of
24 the clinical condition and the final disposition of the animal
25 on appropriate forms approved by the Department. When evidence
26 is presented that the animal was inoculated against rabies

1 within the time prescribed by law, it shall be confined in a
2 house, or in a manner which will prohibit it from biting any
3 person for a period of not less than 10 days from the date the
4 bite occurred, if a licensed veterinarian adjudges such
5 confinement satisfactory. The Department may permit such
6 confinement to be reduced to a period of less than 10 days. ~~At~~
7 ~~the end of the confinement period, the animal shall be examined~~
8 ~~by a licensed veterinarian.~~

9 Any person having knowledge that any person has been bitten
10 by an animal shall notify the Administrator or, if the
11 Administrator is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator
12 promptly. It is unlawful for the owner of the animal to
13 euthanize, sell, give away, or otherwise dispose of any animal
14 known to have bitten a person, until it is released by the
15 Administrator or, if the Administrator is not a veterinarian,
16 the Deputy Administrator, or his or her authorized
17 representative. It is unlawful for the owner of the animal to
18 refuse or fail to comply with the reasonable written or printed
19 instructions made by the Administrator or, if the Administrator
20 is not a veterinarian, the Deputy Administrator, or his
21 authorized representative. If such instructions cannot be
22 delivered in person, they shall be mailed to the owner of the
23 animal by regular mail. Any expense incurred in the handling of
24 an animal under this Section and Section 12 shall be borne by
25 the owner. The owner of a biting animal must also remit to the
26 Department of Public Health, for deposit into the Pet

1 Population Control Fund, a \$25 public safety fine within 30
2 days after notice.

3 (b) When a person has been bitten by a police dog that is
4 currently vaccinated against rabies, the police dog may
5 continue to perform its duties for the peace officer or law
6 enforcement agency and any period of observation of the police
7 dog may be under the supervision of a peace officer. The
8 supervision shall consist of the dog being locked in a kennel,
9 performing its official duties in a police vehicle, or
10 remaining under the constant supervision of its police handler.

11 (c) When a person has been bitten by a search and rescue
12 dog that is currently vaccinated against rabies, the search and
13 rescue dog may continue to perform its duties for the handler
14 or owner or agency and any period of observation of the dog may
15 be under the supervision of its handler or owner. The
16 supervision shall consist of the dog being locked in a kennel,
17 performing its official duties in a vehicle, or remaining under
18 the constant supervision of its handler or owner.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-548, eff. 8-19-03; 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

20 Section 15. The Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal
21 Population Control Act is amended by changing Section 25 as
22 follows:

23 (510 ILCS 92/25)

24 Sec. 25. Eligibility to participate. A resident of the

1 State who owns a dog or cat and who is eligible for any
2 government assistance, including the Food Stamp Program or the
3 Social Security Disability Insurance Benefits Program, shall
4 be eligible to participate in the program at a reduced rate if
5 the owner signs a consent form certifying that he or she is the
6 owner of the dog or cat or is authorized by the eligible owner
7 to present the dog or cat for the procedure. An owner must
8 submit proof of eligibility to the Department. Upon approval,
9 the Department shall furnish an eligible owner with an
10 eligibility voucher to be presented to a participating
11 veterinarian. An animal control facility, animal shelter,
12 organization, or A resident of this State who ~~is managing a~~
13 ~~feral cat colony and who~~ humanely traps feral cats for spaying
14 or neutering and return is eligible to participate in the
15 program, provided ~~the trap, sterilize, and return program~~ is
16 allowed or not specifically prohibited ~~recognized~~ by the
17 municipality or by the county, if it is located in an
18 unincorporated area. The sterilization shall be performed by a
19 voluntarily participating veterinarian or veterinary student
20 under the supervision of a veterinarian. The co-payment for the
21 cat or dog sterilization procedure and vaccinations shall be
22 \$15.

23 (Source: P.A. 94-639, eff. 8-22-05.)

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